

MONEY CRISIS PASSED.

Scarcity of Cash No Longer Exists in New York City.

New York, Dec. 30.—The fact that a money crisis no longer exists in New York was shown Friday, says the Times, when the premium on currency dropped from 1 per cent to 1-2 of 1 per cent.

At the same time it was announced that there had been a decided drop in cable transfers. Lazard Freres, which banking house has been the largest importer of gold since the beginning of the recent flurry, announced that a large quantity of gold recently purchased in England for export to this country has been resold in London.

The decline in the premium on money, due to a lessened demand for it, has made the importation of gold unprofitable.

IMMIGRATION INCREASING.

People Are Fleeing from All of the Famine-Stricken Districts.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Advisers from eastern Turkey and Armenia, received by the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, indicate that the famine already reported is more severe than was first anticipated, and the tide of immigration to this country was never so strong as at present. Secretary Harry Wade Hicks writes from Harpoot that upon returning to that city recently he met hundreds of Arabs and Armenians going in the direction of Samsoun, and eventually to America. It is estimated that 1,200 families have left the vicinity of Harpoot since last April, and the tide of emigration is continually rising.

220 Bodies Recovered.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 30.—Explorations on the Darr mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company were completed Friday with the exception of the numerous falls of slate. A total of 220 bodies has been recovered from the main headings and entries. The number of bodies that will be found under the falls, while still problematical, is estimated at at least fifty. Attention is being given to the removal of the carcasses of the dead horses and mules. Coroner Wing has fixed Jan. 9 as the date of the inquest, which will be held at Smith-ton, Pa.

Two Hurt in a Fire.

Warrenton, Ga., Dec. 30.—In a fire which destroyed the kitchen of the home of Dr. W. L. Plicher, two men were seriously injured by falling through a skylight and a number of others were slightly burned before the blaze was extinguished. Chief of Police Bradshaw and H. K. Burns while aiding in the work of saving the furniture in the house, fell through a skylight and were seriously injured. It is believed that they will recover from their injuries. The damage was about \$2,000.

Will Be Paid in Full.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 30.—A special from Jackson, Tenn., says that the Jackson Banking company, with a capital of \$75,000, and deposits of \$250,000, will be absorbed by the Union Bank and Trust company of this city. According to an announcement by the officials of the retiring bank, no question of the bank's solvency is involved, the absorption being the result of a desire on the part of the officials of the Jackson Banking company to retire from business. The depositors, they declare, will be paid dollar for dollar.

Home Wrecked by Dynamite.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 30.—The house of R. Frediani, an Italian, was wrecked early Saturday morning by an explosion of dynamite. The entire front of the house was blown out, but neither Frediani or members of his family were injured. Recently Frediani received letters from an alleged black hand society threatening death if money was not paid the society.

Masons Elect Officers.

Mineral Bluff, Ga., Dec. 30.—The Mineral Bluff Masonic lodge, No. 463, at its regular meeting, elected the following officers: J. V. Smith, re-elected W. M.; Dr. A. F. Christopher, S. W.; J. O. Baugh, J. W.; C. R. Christopher, secretary; J. F. McKelley, treasurer; A. Q. L. Williams, Tyler; R. L. Baugh, S. D.; W. E. McAllister, J. D.

Anxious.

Sick Man (who is a collector of coins and also very rich—I made out my will today, Reginald, and left you my collection of coins.

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Superstitions About a Harmless Little Animal.

The shrew, or shrewmouse, as it is commonly called, is found in nearly all parts of the world. It is distinguished by an elongated, pointed muzzle, small eyes, plantigrade, six toed feet and glands that secrete a musky fluid. Altogether it closely resembles a mouse, but it is really not related to the mouse family.

When at home it is either under a pile of rubbish or in a hole which it has burrowed in the earth. It is nocturnal in its habits, but perfectly harmless. Yet at one time it was much disliked and persecuted because it was thought to be a dangerous, mischievous animal. Among the Italians the notion was prevalent that the bite of a shrew was extremely poisonous. The French and the English believed that if a shrew ran over an animal's foot the animal felt great pain and eventually became paralyzed; hence if a horse, a cow or a goat became a little stiff in its limbs the foolish people at once declared it "shrew struck," and the poor shrews had to suffer in consequence.

Of course the "shrew struck" animal had to have something to cure it, so an ash tree was selected and a deep hole was bored into its trunk. Then a shrew was captured, put alive into the hole, the hole was securely plugged, and the innocent little animal was left to die of starvation.

The ignorant believed that after such an act the ash tree had power to cure "shrew struck" animals, and whenever an animal became inactive or a little numb in its limbs its owner hurried to the "shrew ash," cut a switch from it and switched the "shrew struck" beast. The smarting caused by the switching naturally made the helpless animal move about as much as it possibly could, and in a short time it was pronounced "cured."

Equal to the Occasion.

Some time ago a friend of mine got a curious present from a sea captain. It was a fine specimen of the bird which sailors call the "laughing jackass," and he was a little proud of it. As he was carrying it home he met a brawny Irish navvy, who stopped and asked him:

"Phwat kind of a burrd is that, sorr?"

"That's a laughing jackass," explained my friend genially.

The Irishman, thinking he was being made fun of, was equal to the occasion and responded, with a twinkle in the eye:

"It's not yerself; it's the burrd Oi mane, sorr."—London Answers.

Suitable.

"What would be a suitable birthday present for my little boy?" inquired the fond mother.

"Let me think," returned the star boarder, who occasionally liked to sleep late in the morning. Then, with the glad, confident smile of one who has solved a problem, he added, "How would a gag or a straitjacket do?"—Chicago Post.

Arousing the Lion.

If we want to educate that sturdy, stolid, unresponsive thing, the British public, a scheme has to be mildly diluted with pleasure, masked by brilliant pictures, like the bitter pill we hide in our children's jam. We have compulsory schooling, of course, but as a nation we are not and do not want to be educated.—London Bystander.

World's Fair, Prev for Passengers.

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—A special to the Telegram from Deer River, Minn., says that the Great Northern passenger train leaving Superior at 9:10 a. m. Thursday night and arriving in Deer River at 2 o'clock Friday morning, was boarded by three armed men, who proceeded to hold up passengers. Some of the latter attacked the robbers, knocked them down, disarmed them and turned them over to the sheriff.

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Lack of Confidence.

A party returning home in hired brougham, the driver of which is somewhat inebriated.

Paterfamilias (who at a hill climbs on to the box at the request of materfamilias)—Give me the reins.

Coachman—"Ave you never druv down this 'ere 'ill afore?"

Pater (taking the reins)—No, I have not.

Coachman—Then I'll walk. (Does so.)—London Punch.

Clever Retort.

"Yes, I am going to marry Mr. Bullion."

"Why, he is old enough to be your father!"

"I know he is, but unfortunately he doesn't seem to care for mother."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Black Eyes.

Miffkins—It is said that aggressive, impulsive people usually have black eyes. Biffkins—That's right. If they haven't got them at first they get them later.—Exchange.

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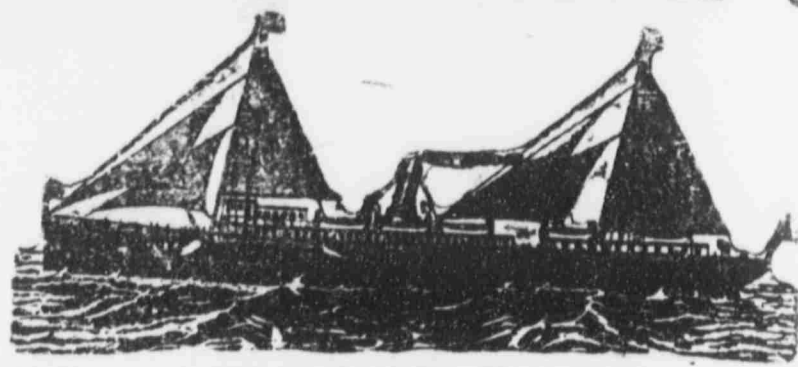
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